

Southern University and A&M College

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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 Building nationally reputable and competitive academic departments, colleges, schools, and centers.

Southern University is committed to a broad program of research, both basic and applied, and creative work to stimulate the faculty and students in a quest for knowledge and to aid society in resolving its scientific, technological, socioeconomic, and cultural problems.

# SUBR Receives Highly Acclaimed Carnegie R2 Classification

Southern University and A&M College has been designated as a Carnegie R2 institution with "high research activity," joining a select group of doctoral American research universities. Southern is one of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities to newly receive the Carnegie Classification from Institutes of Higher Education and one of only 10 HBCUs nation wide. The 2021 Carnegie Classification assessed more than 3,000 post-secondary institutions in the new update including 100 HBCUs. The vision for research at Southern University and A&M College is to build and sustain an infrastructure that encourages greater participation by faculty in sponsored and elective research and related activities. The ultimate measurable outcomes of achieving this vision are that such research efforts would result in:

- An increased number of publications in refereed journals.
- More significant opportunities for its graduate and undergraduate students to participate in scholarly and research with their professors.



## On Campus...

#### College of Family and Consumer Sciences

The USDA Forestry Service and Southern University signed a Memorandum of Understanding titled "Expanding Opportunities for the Next Generation of Leaders in Urban Forestry, Fire, Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources – Southern University Initiative," effective July 19, 2021 to July 1, 2026. Under the MOU, the Urban Forestry, Environment, and Natural Resources Department received the first year award of \$270,000 from the USDA Forest Service to implement the program. The Urban Forestry Department Chair, Dr. Zhu Hua Ning, is the program lead/project director. The Forest Service team, led by Ms. Beattra Wilson, provides support to complement SU's Urban Forestry Degree Program resources in the identification of needs among relevant stakeholders and seeks opportunities for interagency and intra-agency collaboration, coordination, and partnerships.

#### Academic Affairs Community Service

• **Dr. Bijoy K. Sahoo**, SUBR Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost and **Dr. Barbara Carpenter** SUBR Dean of International Education Partnered with the America Saraswata Sangha (AMSAS) religious organization in North Carolina toward making a financial donation of \$1,500 to the Baton Rouge Food Bank. The AMSAS organization encourages members to strive to be ideal human beings, lead spiritual lives by serving the communities in which they live and to inspire others on a spriritual path toward exemplary behavior. The mission of the food bank is to feed the hungry in Baton Rouge by providing food and educational outreach through faith-based and other community partners. The organization has served the greater Baton Rouge area for more than 35 years.



# On Campus...

#### University College

**Dr. Zackeus Johnson,** Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs participated in an HBCU Experience Presentation at Dillard University in New Orleans on January 28, 2022. More than 400 New Orleans Parish high school students attended the event.

The University College Office of Student Success currently offers tutoring services for students with 17 tutors and five supplemental instructors providing assistance. The tutorial sessions are provided in collaboration with the University Writing Center – College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies.

